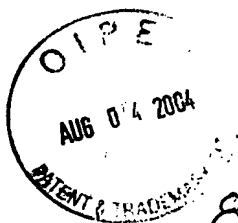


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, paragraph 1 on page 7, paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 9, and paragraph 1 on page 11 have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Claims 1-13 remain in this application. The examiner has acknowledged that claims 7-11 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 1, 12 and 13 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 12 and 13 are now in condition for allowance.

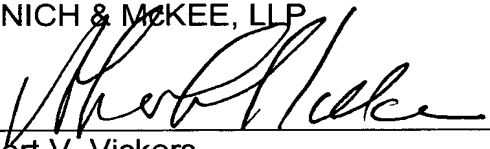
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.



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